

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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SAGE HUMPHRIES, GINA MENICHINO,
ROSEMARIE DeANGELO, DANIELLE
GUTIERREZ, JANE DOE 100, JULIET
DOHERTY, and JANE DOE 200

Case No. 2:21-cv-01412-ART-EJY

ORDER

Plaintiffs,

V.

MITCHELL TAYLOR BUTTON and DUSTY
BUTTON,

Defendants.

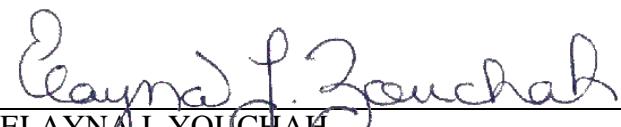
Pending before the Court is Plaintiffs' Motion to Seal Exhibit D to their Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Protective Order. ECF No. 201 at 3. Exhibit D is an excerpt from the deposition of Jane Doe 1, an alleged victim of sexual abuse. *Id.* Plaintiffs request the excerpt be sealed to shield her identity. *Id.*

16 As the party seeking to seal a judicial record, Plaintiffs must meet their burden of overcoming
17 the strong presumption in favor of access and public policies favoring disclosure. *Kamakana v. City*
18 *and Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1178-79 (9th Cir. 2006) (holding that those who seek to
19 maintain the secrecy of documents attached to dispositive motions must meet the high threshold of
20 showing that “compelling reasons” support secrecy). Where a party seeks to seal documents
21 attached to a non-dispositive motion, the “public policies that support the right of access to
22 dispositive motions … do not apply with equal force … .” *Id.* at 1179 (citation omitted). Any public
23 interest favoring disclosure of information is outweighed by allowing victims of sexual assault to
24 remain anonymous. *Doe v. Penzato*, No. CV10-5154 MEJ, 2011 WL 1833007, at *5 (N.D. Cal.
25 May 13, 2011). The Court previously permitted portions of Jane Doe 1’s deposition to be sealed
26 and does so for the same reasons here. ECF No. 199.

27 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiffs' Motion to Seal Exhibit D to their
28 Opposition to Defendants' Motion for Protective Order (ECF No. 201) is GRANTED.

1 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Exhibit D to the Opposition to Defendants' Motion for
2 Protective Order, found under seal at ECF Nos. 202 and 203, is and shall remain sealed.¹

3 DATED this 10th day of July, 2023.

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5 ELAYNA J. YOUCRAH
6 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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¹ ECF Nos. 202 and 203, which contain the unredacted excerpt of Jane Doe 1's deposition, are duplicates.